

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor Baber; Councilmembers Alessio, Parent, and Weber.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager Humora; City Attorney Sabine; City Clerk Wiegelman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Arapostathis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL FORECAST

Finance Director Waller-Bullock presented the ten-year financial forecast for the City's General Fund. Finance Director Waller-Bullock discussed the national, state and local economies, the State actions impacting the City's budget, the status of the dissolution of Redevelopment, the significant changes to CalPERS Retirement, the City's response to the CalPERS changes, and the status of the Section 115 Retirement Trust Fund. Finance Director Waller-Bullock discussed the base forecast for revenue and expenditure assumptions, inter-fund transfers, and General Fund reserves history and forecast. Finance Director Waller-Bullock also reviewed the property tax revenues, sales tax revenues, Prop L sales tax revenues, and future trends and issues with the sales tax. Finance Director Waller-Bullock provided policy questions for Council consideration.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to (1) direct staff to continue to prepay the CalPERS Unfunded Liability and contribute the prepayment discount amount to the Section 115 Retirement Trust Fund; and (2) approve the forecast assumptions.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Baber, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Weber

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

2. STRATEGIC GOALS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP REPORT

City Manager Humora summarized the feedback received from the community during the February 8, 2020 Strategic Goals Interactive Workshop.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to draft a new strategic goal related to the City's Climate Action Plan for Council consideration at a future meeting.

3. 2020 TARGETS FOR ACTION WORK PLAN UPDATE

City Manager Humora reviewed the City's Targets for Action for each of the City's five year goals. The City's five-year goals include a safe community, to maintain a financially sound and affordable City government, to continue to improve high quality municipal services, to revitalize neighborhoods and corridors, enhanced recreation and quality of life opportunities, effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation, and to ensure safe and affordable homes for all current and future residents.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. 2019 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

City Manager Humora summarized the 2019 Performance Measures for the various City departments highlighting the Police Department's reduced response time, the decrease in graffiti and the increase in social media viewings.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk

Prepared by:
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